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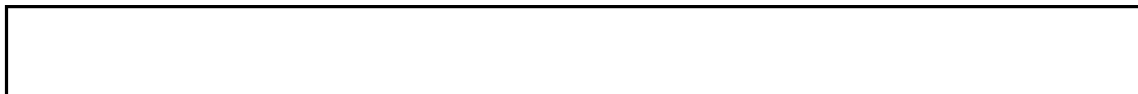
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Cyprus: [The situation on the island is unchanged, and all participants in the dispute are looking to the US to assume an active role in the current crisis]

[The British, who are not prepared to be left with the sole responsibility for maintaining peace if there is a renewal of violence, favor the creation of some form of international force to police Cyprus. The Greek Government also supports the concept of an "allied" force, drawn from selected NATO countries, including the US]

[Turkish Premier Inonu is critical of a multi-lateral security force for the island, and has asked the US to take a firm position to prevent a further deterioration of the situation]

[The Cypriot Ambassador in Athens--probably speaking with the approval of Makarios--has urged the US to send a "police force" to Cyprus and has called for Cyprus to be taken into NATO or for the creation of a NATO "umbrella" to protect the country]

[Former EOKA leader George Grivas, who was denounced by Makarios for convening a meeting in Athens this past week end to examine the present]

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[situation, is reported firmly behind proposals for granting NATO a peace-keeping role on the island]

[On 28 January, elements of the Greek Army contingent on Cyprus will be replaced by troops from Greece. This is part of a routine replacement operation originally scheduled for December but postponed due to the outbreak of violence. The move has been fully coordinated in London, Athens, and Ankara, but there remains an element of risk due to the present tense situation on the island]

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*Nationalist China: [Taipei apparently intends to break diplomatic relations immediately following announcement of French recognition of Peiping.]

[The decision to break relations was made by President Chiang Kai-shek after he received a letter from De Gaulle outlining France's intention to recognize Peiping.]

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[Taipei has apparently sent instructions to its embassy staff in Paris to withdraw immediately after the announcement of recognition. Certain unofficial personnel, however, are to remain behind to carry out propaganda activities and maintain unofficial contacts in Paris. The official Government Information Office is to be renamed the Free China News Service and carry on its work as before.]

[For the present, Taipei reportedly has no intention of initiating intensive diplomatic activity among the African or Latin American nations in pursuit of their support for its international position.]

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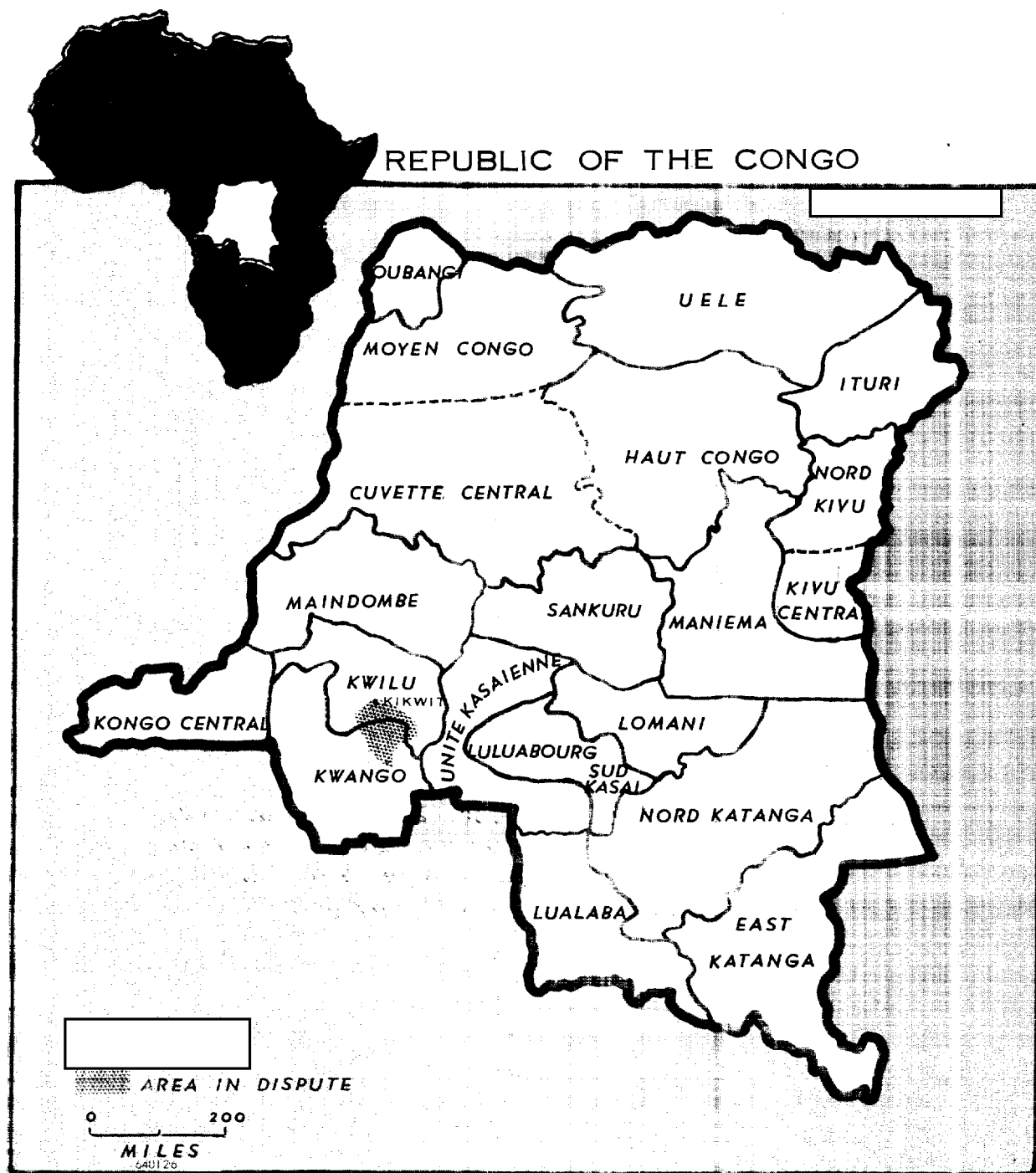
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Congo: [The revolt in Kwilu Province against the central government appears to be spreading.]

[The "Jeunesse" bands that have been burning villages and molesting missionaries over an increasingly wide area are led by Pierre Mulele, formerly an aide in Antoine Gizenga's leftist Stanleyville regime. To date, one US missionary is reported dead.]

[Leopoldville officials state the terrorist bands are in fact well-disciplined guerrillas numbering about 2,000. There are some indications that Mulele is receiving money and some arms from both the USSR and Communist China.]

[Leopoldville has dispatched small units to the area, but they are reportedly not pursuing the rebels energetically. Several Leopoldville officials, including Defense Minister Anany and General Mobutu, are said to favor employing paracommandos against the terrorists. Adoula, however, apparently fears that the paracommandos would slaughter innocent people.]

[The UN command so far has been unwilling to become involved beyond assisting in evacuation of Europeans.] [redacted] (Map)

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Dominican Republic: The governing triumvirate appears to have won a victory in its campaign to assert civilian authority over the armed forces.

In a meeting with principal military leaders on 25 January, the regime replaced Air Force Chief of Staff Brigadier General Miguel Atila Luna and Army Chief of Staff Brigadier General Renato Hungria Morell with men acceptable to their respective services. This move came on the heels of a stormy meeting of US military attachés and leading Dominican military officers.

At this meeting Luna and Brigadier General Elias Wessin y Wessin, leaders of the September overthrow of the Bosch government, threatened to replace the civilian triumvirate with a military junta. They charged that the government was "soft on communism"--a smoke-screen for their own reluctance to accept changes in military personnel and privileges.

Wessin, a ruthless soldier who controls the country's tank force, was conspicuously absent from the 25 January meeting although he apparently acquiesced in the replacement of Luna and Hungria, who had been slated for removal on 1 February.

While the immediate crisis appears to have passed, dissident political leaders will doubtless attempt to exploit any dissatisfaction Wessin or other military leaders may still feel.

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Angola: [Rebel leader Holden Roberto [redacted] will send a mission to Peiping and Moscow to accept offers of aid. Roberto. [redacted] said

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that the mission would leave in early February and would arrange for shipment of arms to his Angolan Liberation Army. Any Communist aid arriving at the Angolan rebel bases in the Congo would be watched carefully by Congo Premier Adoula, who would probably permit only modest amounts of arms, and no Communist advisers.] [redacted]

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Venezuela: [Differences over strategy may split the Venezuelan Communist Party. Central committee members and the so-called "old guard" want to abandon the violence and guerrilla tactics which have proved ineffective against vigorous army and police actions. Younger members and their militant allies in the Armed Forces of National Liberation want to continue with the policy of "open warfare" against the government, apparently in the belief that newly elected President Raul Leoni will be unable to employ forceful countermeasures used by President Betancourt.] [redacted]

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